

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: On October 16, 2001, President George W. Bush signed legislation requiring that

the United States flag be lowered to half-staff on all federal buildings to

memorialize fallen firefighters; and

WHEREAS: Public Law 107-51 requires this action to occur annually in conjunction with the

observance of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota Senate File 237 was unanimously passed by the Legislature and

signed into law on May 15, 2009, creating Minnesota Fallen Firefighters

Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association, the Minnesota State Fire

Department Association, and the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters support

this act of recognition and believe it honors their goal of bringing every

firefighter home safely at the end of every shift; and

WHEREAS: On average, 100 firefighters make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each

year in the United States; and

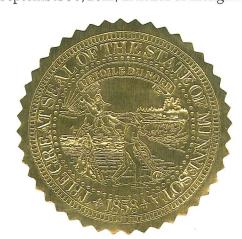
WHEREAS: Every day, the volunteer, paid-on-call, and career firefighters in nearly 800

Minnesota fire departments protect the lives and property of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 30, 2012 as:

MINNESOTA FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY

in the State of Minnesota, and do hereby order all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Sunday, September 30, 2012, in honor of firefighters who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 28th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the State the one hundred fifty-fourth.

GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE